

Dear Donors, Partners and Colleagues,

As we approach the end of another remarkable year, we want to take a moment to express our deepest gratitude for your unwavering collaboration and invaluable contributions. Your dedication and partnership have been instrumental in achieving our shared goals and driving our mission forward.

We are filled with immense pride at the remarkable accomplishments of our unit.

Here are some of our key achievements:

January

154th Executive Board (EB) recommended adoption of WHA resolution on laboratory biosafety and biosecurity

WER special issue publication on Health security in a digitalized world during public health crises addressing **disinformation** and **cyber-attacks**

March

Mobile app: **RAST** released

SARS-CoV-2 laboratory biosafety guidance update released

Keynote Address for the 6th International conference CBRNE Research & Innovation, Strasbourg

HSI-TAG First 2024 meeting (online)

May

1 May: Emergency deployment to Seychelles to support response to potential chemical deliberate event

Catalogue of advisory groups, networks and partnerships relevant to pandemic preparedness 2024 released

77th World Health Assembly (WHA) adopted the resolution on Strengthening laboratory biological risk management, **WHA77.7**

July

2-5 Jul: Supported INTERPOL Biosecurity Conference

9-10 Jul: HSI-TAG annual meeting (in person) Geneva. Reports are available from the **HSI-TAG website**.

12 Jul: UNODA-WHO co-hosted Biorisk Working Group interagency SOP workshop, Geneva

22-25 Jul: Chemical awareness training, Odesa

September

11 Sep: Meeting at OPCW for advancing MoU, Den Haag

25 Sep: Received Emerging Leaders in Biosecurity Fellowship, Geneva

25-27 Sep: RN TTX, Kyiv

November

8 Nov: **DG Statement on cybersecurity and health infrastructures** at the UN Security Council in New York

12-13 Nov: Technical Advisory Group on Biosafety (**TAG-B**) hybrid meeting

Cooperation Agreement WHO-INTERPOL adopted by the 92nd INTERPOL General Assembly [**Resolution No.6**]

WHO Statement for the OPCW **CSP-29** 2024

Health-Security Interface National Self-Assessment Tool (NSAT) publication process underway

25 Nov-6 Dec: WHO workforce CBRN clinical management training, Munich

February

● **Q&A on Disinformation and Public Health** published, addressing key questions

April

● **14-16 Apr:** UNODA workshop on strengthening cooperation with international partners with the UNSGM, New York

● Successful completion of biological risk management mission in **Sierra Leone**

● **22-24 Apr:** The 2nd Regional Workshop for the *Toolkit on Effective CBRN Planning and Response for Policymakers and CBRN Managers* – in collaboration with UNICRI, Nairobi

● **22-24 Apr:** EMRO-AFRO-HQ Joint workshop for the development of EMRO-AFRO bi-regional strategy for deliberate event preparedness and response, Cairo

● **29-30 Apr:** ToT for C&B preparedness in Ukraine (multiple sites)

June

● **5 Jun:** WHA77.7 Group of Friends informal meeting for resolution WHA77.7, Geneva

● **5-11 Jun:** ToT for C&B preparedness in Ukraine (multiple sites) + UNODA Disarmament fellows lecture

● **10-14 Jun:** Supported the 1st Meeting of the WOAHC ad hoc Group on Veterinary Emergencies, Paris

● **17-21 Jun:** Concurrent UNSGM and domestic investigation tabletop exercise, Geneva

● **Laboratory biosecurity guidance publication**

● **21 Jun:** Received Phillips Academy students' visit, Geneva

August

● **2-16 Aug:** CBRN coordination meeting, Kyiv

● **19-23 Aug:** BWC Plenary presentations at Working Group meeting, Geneva

● **21 Aug:** Received UNODA fellows, Geneva

● **26-30 Aug:** UNIDIR-WHO staff exchange

● **30 Aug:** **Disinformation training module on OpenWHO**

October

● **7-11 Oct:** WHO workforce CBRN surge capacity training, Lisbon

● **11 Oct:** HSI-TAG meeting (online)

● **17-18 Oct:** TTX, biosafety and biosecurity Bucharest

December

● Consultative meeting for national biosafety/biosecurity regulatory framework, Hanoi

● Supported the 2nd Meeting of the WOAHC ad hoc Group on Veterinary Emergencies, Paris

● 2 Side events for the occasion of BWC WG meeting

○ **Update on WHO deliberate event preparedness and response**

○ **Strengthening Global Response to Biological Threats: Joint INTERPOL-WHO Efforts**

● HSI-TAG year-end meeting (online)

Thank you for being part of our journey this year. Together, we've achieved remarkable milestones and made a lasting impact. Here's to a new year filled with even greater success! Happy Holidays and Best Wishes for 2025!

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